GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1466
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2013
PROMOTION OF HINDI LANGUAGE
Saroj Shri Tufani

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has implemented any policy to promote Hindi as official language;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is implementing any scheme for awarding prize to travel books written in Hindi;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time since when the scheme is being implemented along with the total number of books awarded prize during the last three years and the current year;

(e) whether the prize amount of the same is less as compared to Hindi book writing prize scheme in the other Ministries; and

(f) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the same and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) &(b): The Ministry of Tourism implements official language policy of the Union as per the Official Languages Act 1963, the Official Language (for use of official purposes of the Union) Rules 1976 made thereunder, and the instructions issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Tourism is implementing a scheme called Rahul Sankrityayan Tourism Award Scheme since 1989 for awarding original books written in Hindi on the subjects related to tourism. Any citizen of India can participate in this scheme. Under the scheme, four prizes namely, first, second, third and consolation are given annually for which the prize money is Rs.40,000/-, Rs.30,000/-, Rs.20,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively . The total number of books awarded under the scheme for the years 2009-10, 2010-2011 and 2011-12 are as follows:

Year	Number of books awarded
2009-10	03
2010-11	04
2011-12	04

The process of selecting books for the award for the year 2012-13 is in progress.

(e): There is no comparative data available relating to this.

(f): There is no proposal before the Ministry to increase the prize money. However, the prize money has been enhanced from the year 2011-12.